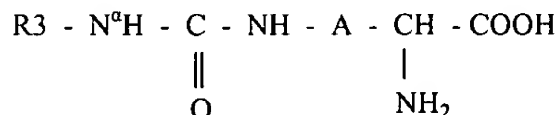
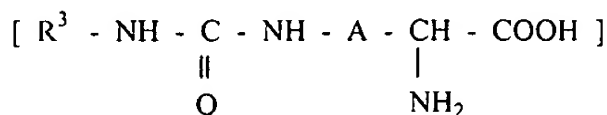


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APPENDIX

7. (Amended) N<sup>ω</sup>-Carboxyalkylcarbamoyl-α,ω-diamino acids of general formula

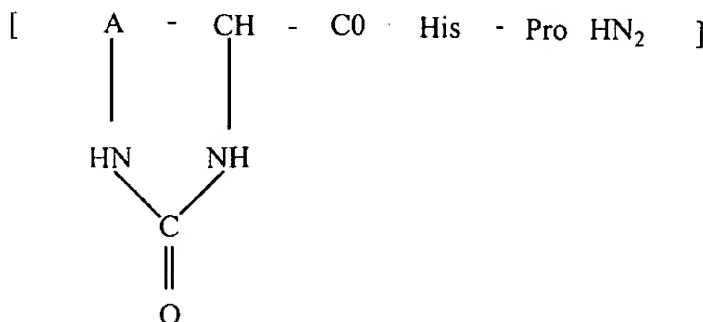


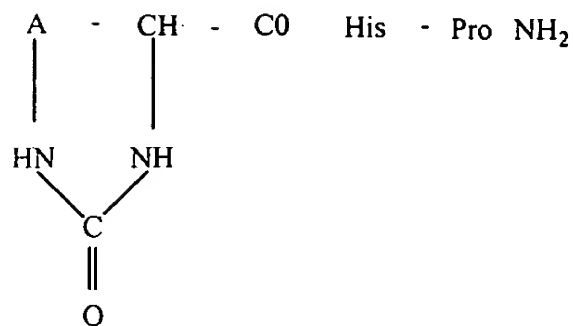
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in which A represents a bivalent group consisting of a linear carbon chain formed from 4 to 8 carbon atoms, which chain is optionally substituted by one or a number of groups chosen from C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>3</sub> alkyl groups and functional groups comprising at least one oxygen or sulphur atom [such as carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy or mercapto group,] and in which [R<sup>3</sup> - NH] R<sup>3</sup>-N<sup>a</sup>H represents an α-amino acid or a peptide comprising the α-amino acid and N<sup>a</sup> is a nitrogen atom attached to the α-carbon of the α-amino acid.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

- 11. (Amended) A peptide of general formula





in which A is a bivalent group consisting of a linear carbon chain formed from 2 carbon atoms, which chain is [optionally] substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of [C<sub>1</sub> - C<sub>3</sub> alkyl groups and] a functional [groups] group comprising at least one [oxygen or] sulphur atom and a functional group comprising at least one oxygen atom selected from carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl and alkoxy group.